Heaven's Saints

By William L. Trimyer
Heaven's Saints
Lesson for May 16, 1982
Bible Study Passage: Revelations 7:9-17
Introduction

If there's anything folks need these days it's a word of encouragement. Times are hard and many people are suffering. The news from around the world is enough to cause the hardiest of us to ponder, "What will become of us?"

Thank the Lord for his church and his words of encouragement. The church must give an ear and a hand to the suffering in our world. He comes with good news....not bad news.

In our brief study of the Revelation we will note again and again that it was partially written to offer comfort and encouragement to Christians suffering for their faith. We might even say that it was written for those who are suffering in their faith.

We in America have fortunately not had to endure much suffering for our faith. We have not experienced the persecution for our faith as others have in suppressed and oppressed countries. But we surely suffer in our faith as we face the hazards of life. The Revelation speaks to our suffering and offers us assurance and encouragement.

The World To Come
[Revelations 7:9-14]

People often ask, "What will heaven be like?" We cannot "clinically" answer that question, but we can presume some things about heaven based on our knowledge of God in Christ. To be sure, no one has ever entered heaven and sent us a picutre post card of the way it is. The Revelation does give us, however, an encouraging picture of what is to come.

Of course, some find the notion of heaven not very plausible. It is not crazy to believe that God will somehow preserve our psychic, our personality, our spirit, our souls, (call it what you like) to live on in another dimension of life.

The Revelation describes the "unnumbered hosts" in heaven. These wear white robes and wave palm branches at the throne of him who gives salvation. The text suggests a multitude of God's people who are experiencing the greatest possible sense of relief and release from suffering.

And who are all these people? Well, they are the company of the redeemed who come from every nation. Heaven will indeed be a place where people of all races but of the same faith will live and work together in harmony and peace. Those who now of people of the same denomination or same color will be strangely surprised.

No Tears in Heaven
[Revelations 7:15-17]

It's really difficult to imagein a world without suffering and tears. We mortals cannot imagine anything other than a life of pain and tribulation. To inherit and inhabit a world where no suffering exists is to receive an ultimate gift. Those who suffer for their faith and in their faith will receive a blissful future. There is encouragement for God's people everywhere that someday the evilness of this earth will be overwhelmed by the goodness of God.

The cost to practice religion in America and in your community and mine is relatively very little. Religion is a fairly popular activity in our western culture. Religious practice is easy for us. There are many, however, for whom the open practice of their faith can jeopardize their life. For these to openly practice their discipleship can mean oppression and hostility.

The good news to believers everywhere is that provisions have already been made for those who love God. He has mastered a "housing plan" that will accomodate all those who have said yes to him and no to unbelief. This place will have its rewards and blessings for all who have suffered. Everyone will enjoy the eternal presence of God, the end of grief and pain, the protection from hostile forces and the solitude of a quiet river.

Last week I experienced the peace of a canoe trip down Sugar Creek in Indiana. We lunched on top of a high bluff overlooking the river. If heaven is anything like that experience, I know I'll enjoy it!

Dr. Trimyer is Chaplain at Burnham Hospital in Champaign, Illinois (WL-YP).

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Mt. Shiloh holds Family Day services

"All the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come." Job 14:14

Families, members and friends gathered last Sunday for Family Day and Mother's Day service. Rev. Yuille preached a most uplifting message "What is a Christian Mother?", and the choirs rendered beautiful music.

The Youth program will be Sunday at 3 p.m. Deacon Melvin Pollard will be the guest speaker and the Mount Carmel Junior Choir of Lynchburg, Va. will accompany him. The youth of all local churches are invited to attend.

Mrs. Ida Elliott has returned home from the hospital and is progressing nicely. Mr. Willie Harvey is ill. Prayers, visits and calls are appreciated by the sick.

Meetings have been scheduled for the Willing Workers Club and the Men's Club Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

Remember the less fortunate and the sick and shut-in in your daily prayers.

Lawing to preach at Chestnut Grove

The Rev. Raymond Lawing, Jr., will preach at the Chestnut Grove Baptist Church in Appomattox Sunday May 16 at 3:30 p.m.

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Church News

Services held at St. Luke's

The regular services at the St. Luke Church May 2 at 11:00 a.m. were well attended.

The minister in charge was the Rev. Edward L. Pope. The Rev. Alvin Jones was present and assisted with the devotions. The Senior Choir gave the music. Mrs. Josephine Nowlin, the pianist, was present, still recovering from a fractured ankle. She did a wonderful job. The Young Adult Ushers were at their posts.

The Rev. Pope gave the message from Genesis 22 1st: God told Abraham to take his son and go into a far country, and offer Isaac for a burnt offering. He brought out a beautiful message with the subject., "God will provide." This was well taken. The offering was good.

In the dining area of the church there was a special celebration dinner given in honor of Mrs. Esther Calaham for her birthday by her children. Many friends and relatives attended. Mrs. Callaham received many useful gifts, and money. She was happy indeed. She and her deceased husband are parents of 12 living children, 37 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Callaham has both legs amputated, a stroke in one hand, and is in a wheel chair, enjoys going to church, and also to her RSVP Club, of which she is president.

Miss Eleanor Doane had Mrs. Louise Canada to come to William Campbell High School and speak to her class. It so happened that more classes came into the auditorium to hear This was well taken by the group. The speech dealt with the years of the great depression and now.

Mrs. Stella Huntt and Mrs. Virginia Abbitt went with the Senior Citizens to North Carolina on an outing recently.

The Heavenly Gospel Singers will sing at the St. Luke Baptist Church, May 23 at 3:00 p.m.

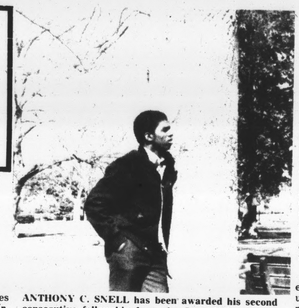
The Southern Gospel Singers will be in a song service May 16 at St. Luke.

On Mother's Day at 3:00 p.m. The Fantastic Heavenly Five of Brookneal, Va. and The Mighty Clouds of Joy of Monore, Va. were at the St. Luke Baptist Church, sponsored by the Young Adult Ushers.

Mr. and Mrs. James Tweedy, along with Mr. and Mrs. David Gaines attended the graduation exercise of their niece, Miss Glosie Banks, at Richmond, Va., Sunday, May 2, 1982.

Correction from the last write-up. The preacher for the first Sunday in April was the Rev. Lincoln Yuille.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jinkins of Cartersville, Va.; Mr. Jinkins is in a wheel chair because of a stroke.



ANTHONY C. SNELL has been awarded his second consecutive fellowship from the State University of New York at Albany for the 1982-83 academic year. The fellowship carries a $3,700 stipend and a full-waiver of tuition. Anthony is enrolled in the Nelson A. Rockfeller College of Public Affairs and Policy. He is pursuing a Master of Public Administration, Public Finance. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan M. Snell of Evergreen, Va.

Alabama Baptist News

By Catherine Haskins

The regular preaching service was held at the Alabama Baptist Church on Sunday, May 2, 1982.

Prayer service was led by Mr. Tony Bailey, and Miss Ann Wiley. Everyone joined in the service.

Our pastor, the Rev. Elliott, was unable to be present for the morning service. Mrs. Elliott was home from the hospital but wasn't feeling well and Rev. Elliott couldn't leave her. But on that night he was present, and Mrs. Elliott was feeling better. The service was led by the Rev. H.O. Flood. Scripture was taken from 1 Chapter Colossians, 14 verse: the theme was "This Is My Blood".

On Sunday night there was a pastor's 22nd anniversary service held at the Alabama Baptist Church. The guest for the service was the Rev. James Miller of Pamplin. Other guest ministers were the Rev. Wyatt T. Venable and the Rev. John Edwards. M. C. was the Rev. Howard O. Flood.

Remember the sick and shut-in.

Miss Alice Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James of Pamplin will be graduating from Norfolk State University of Norfolk Saturday, May 8, 1982 at 2 p.m. at the Norfolk Scope Convention Hall.

May God bless our graduates everywhere.

See you next time..!

Men's Day set at Galilee Church

The 41st Annual Men's Day celebration will be held at Galilee Baptist Church this coming Sunday at 3 p.m.

The Rev. A.A. Holmes and the men's chorus of the Chestnut Grove Baptist Church of Amherst will be special guests.

The men's clubs of local churches have been invited to participate.

Mrs. Mary Marshall, elder member of Galilee, underwent special treatment at LGMH. She is improving at home.

Deacon and Mrs. Madison Fleshman of Baltimore, Md. spent last week end here as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Fleshman's mother and sister, Mrs. Jasper Thornton. He also visited his brother James of Lynchburg. Mr. and Mrs. Fleshman were guests of Rev. and Mrs. R.Q. Lawing on r nday.

The Poteat family of Baltimore and Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Randolph of Tampa, Florida visited relatives and friends for Mothers Day.

The Rev. Tim Lawing and the Promise Land Senior Choir will be spring revival guest of the Rev. Raymond Turner and The St. Mark Baptist of Amherst this Friday evening.

Mr. Leon Lawing would like to thank the following churches for their cancer fund donations: Jordan, Mt. Zion, Galilee, Canaan, Mt. Pleasant, Zion Baptist and Springfield. All churches who have not reported are asked to send their reports in. Thank you.

The YSD Singers will meet this Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Let us continue in prayer. God bless you all.

Mom's Day at Zion Baptist

By SUSIE HUNTER

Mother's Day was a sunny and bright one. Hope all mothers had a good one.

The Male Chorus at Zion Baptist gave a Mother's Day breakfast Sunday. At 11 a.m., the Ladies' Aid Group gave a special Mother's Day program. The Rev. Ernest Humbles and his family were the guests. Mrs. G.W. Wiggins was M.C. A song was performed by the Humbles family, and scripture was read by Susie Hunter. Mattie Lawson read a prayer, and a tribute to Mothers was sung by Alma Robertson. The sermon was delivered by the Rev. Humbles, and offering was taken by Nannie Johnson and Barbara Wesley. The Rev. Warren Napier sang a special song, "One Day at a Time."

The Ladies Aid group visited the Mt. Pleasant Ladies Aid group's 34th anniversary.

You are invited to attend the Memorial Service for Lynn Gordon. The Wesley brothers will be our special guests.

Our sick are improving. We are praying for the sick everywhere.

Appo. Assembly to meet

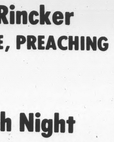
The Appomattox County Assembly will hold its regular monthly meeting at the county library next to the Middle School Thursday, May 13, at 7 p.m.

In this meeting, the membership will decide who will be the next president of the Assembly. You are urged to attend the meeting and cast your vote in the election.

Fraley receives degree

Marie Fraley McCormick, a 1978 graduate of Appomattox County High School, received her Bachelor of Science degree in Early Childhood Education, with honors, from James Madison University in graduation ceremonies on Saturday, May 8.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Fraley, Jr. of Appomattox, she was active in the field of athletics while a student in high school; she played volleyball for three years, lettering for three years.



Marie Fraley McCormick

She is married to Leonard A. McCormick of Appomattox; they are residing in Harrisonburg.

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April was cool and dry and we are now seeing the results--spring hay will be cut 30 to 50 percent.

The past winter was long, cold and much of the carry over hay was fed. With current cattle prices and interest rates, we don't want to be placed in a position of having to buy hay next winter.

We would recommend that the current grass hay be harvested as soon as possible and top dressed with 50 to 60 pounds of actual nitrogen.

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Some recent surveys show that in some counties as much as 60 percent of the corn land will be planted no-til. We need to move more of our corn production in this direction. There are some good insecticides and herbicides available to make this program work.

Last week on the Pack Dairy Farm, they were planting 35 acres of corn in Killed rye.

Rye is an excellent choice. It can be seeded late--it provides cover during the winter and the mulch protects the soil from harsh spring and summer rains.

I watched Henry Pack use a new sod planter that was doing an excellent job.

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This spring brought forth one of the finest displays of dogwood blooms that we've ever had. But there are insects that may damage or kill this beautiful tree. The varmit is the dogwood bores. It can best be controlled by prevention.

Once the bores are in the tree, little can be done.

In late May, early June, the adult lays its eggs that hatch and bore into the trunk or limbs.

Dursban or Lindane should be applied to the trees in two sprays--one in May and another in mid to late June.

Protect the tree from physical injury caused by bumping with a lawn mower, sun scald or freezing. Newly planted dogwoods should be wrapped with Kraft paper for the first two years after transplanting.

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Natural, unpolluted rain will have a pH value of 5.67 on the average. Since November, 1978 rainfall samples have been monitored at the Virginia Tech Horton Research Center in Giles County. The pH has ranged from 3.4 to 7.3 with an average of 4.3. This is about 25 times more acid than "normal" rainfall.

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There are no reports of bluemold on tobacco anywhere in the U. S. In 1980 the first reported plant bed bluemold in Virginia was on May 8.

This year we are again trying to carefully monitor any suspected bluemold. If you believe that bluemold is in your plantbed, please give this office a call (352-8244). One of the major concerns is the possibility of bluemold appearing in plant beds that were treated with Ridomil.

Remember Ridomil must not be used as a transplant water and/or foliar treatment on fields growing tobacco. There is no label for the use of Ridomil in this manner. Protective fungicides containing Maneb, Mancozeb, Ferbam and Zinc can be applied in the plant bed or field before the appearance of bluemold. We recognize that bluemold control with protective fungicides is inconsistent.

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AES STUDENTS in Ms. Harwood's resource class have been working diligently to prepare for their presentation of the play, "The Little Circus Donkey". Pictured here in a dress rehearsal are C. Goode, A. Wheeler, D. Jones, E. Lewis, B. Morgan and L. Robertson.

LCC slates season

On November 23, Lynchburg Community Concert Association will open its 1982-83 season at E. C. Glass High School Auditorium, with the performance by the Zagreb Ballet, a Yugoslavian troupe making its first American Tour.

The Zabreg Grand Ballet, one of the oldest and most distinguished dance companies in Europe, was founded in 1870 and is a major wing of the Croatian National Theatre of Zagreb.

Next, a Sunday Matinee performance, January 9, by soprano Mary Jane Johnson, will bring to Lynchburg one of America's most promising young artists. Miss Johnson was triply honored in 1980 as a regional winner of Metropolitan Opera semi-finalist and the recipient of the 1980 American Institute for Musical Studies Scholarship.

John Escosa and James Pinkerton, duo-harpists, will perform March 17. Escosa studied at the Juilliard School and has played more than 800 concerts. Pinkerton, a former featured harp soloist with the U. S. Marine Band, gave a solo performance in the international Harp Week in Holland.

Eighteen-year old Ida Levin, began her violin study at the age of 3 in her native Santa Monica, California. At 10 she was the soloist with Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra. Since then she has performed in concerts throughout United States and Europe. She, in 1978, was a scholarship student at the Juilliard School. She will perform on April 27.

For $15.00 you can see an international ballet and can hear duo-harpists, a soprano singer and violinist - a bargain in this day of inflation. For further information and tickets contact Lucile Ferrell in Appomattox or Mrs. Ben Marshall at Marshall's Department Store in Appomattox. Telephone 352-5727.

ASCS Today

By Tom Conrad
Maleic Hydrazide Levels Down in Flue-Cured Tobacco; Testing to Continue

"esting and analysis of the 1981 flue-cured tobacco crop showed about a 20 percent decrease in maleic hydrazide (MH) residue levels from the levels found in the 1980 crop, according to Everett Rank, administrator of the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

"This is very encouraging, but we feel levels can be reduced further and testing and analysis will continue for the 1982 crop," he said.

Maleic hydrazide is a chemical used to retard the growth of tobacco "suckers" which otherwise have to be removed by hand from the plant at considerable cost to the producer "Suckers" are shoots that grow from the stem, sapping the plant's strength and slowing its growth.

The United States has no tolerance levels for MH residue but some importing countries have expressed concern about the levels detected in U. S. flue-eured tobacco. It is imperative to bring these levels down further and maintain our U. S. tobacco export market.

The decrease is a diet result of a strong program of education, testing and producer surveys involving several USDA agencies and state extension personnel.

The educational program for producers on the proper use of MH will be continued. USDA's agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, Science and Education Administration, and Agricultural Marketing Service, will take part, along with schools of agriculture at land grant univesities.

The tobacco industry, which has great interest in seeing MH levels reduced, will provide the funds necessary to conduct the chemical testing for MH residue on the 1982 crop.

Test results will continue to be evaluated to determine whether tobacco program eligibility requirements should be modified to take into consideration the improper use of MH.

April 16 Acreage Reduction Report Shows 179.4 Million Acres Enrolled

Farmers have signed up in the 1982 acreage reduction programs 179.4 million acres of feed grain, rice, upland cotton and wheat base acreage according to figures released by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The enrolled acreage represents 79.3 percent of the 226 million acres of total base acreage.

Last week, USDA reported 130 million acres had been enrolled.

Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block said, "I'm very pleased with these signup figures. This voluntary action by our nation's farmers should illustrate that they are not willing to remain victims of our current economic situation. Instead, they are moving forward on their own to turn the situation around."

The signup was required before farmers are eligible for program benefits such as Commodity Credit Corporation loans, target price protection and--for wheat and feed grain participants --eligibility for the grain reserve.

Base acreage enrolled through April 16 includes 87 million under the feed grain program, 3.6 million under the rice program, 13.9 million under the upland cotton program and 74.9 million under the wheat program.

Farmers who sign up to participate in the acreage reduction programs for upland cotton, rice and wheat agree to reduce the plantings of their base acreage of these commodities by at least 15 percent while feed grain producers will voluntarily reduce plantings of their base acreage by 10 percent. The acreage taken out of production will be devoted to a conservation use.

The 1982-crop national average loan rates are: barley, $2.08 per bushel; corn, $2.55 per bushel; oats, $1.31 per bushel; sorghum, $2.42 per bushel; wheat, $3.55 per bushel; rice, $8.14 per hundredweight; upland cotton, $0.5708 per pound.

Reserve loan rates are: barley, $2.37 per bushel; corn $2.90 per bushel; oats, $1.49 per bushel; sorghum, $2.75 per bushel; wheat $4.00 per bushel.

Target prices for the 1982 crops are: barley, $2.60; corn, $2.70; oats, $1.50; sorghum, $2.60; wheat, $4.05; rice, $10.85; upland cotton, $0.71.

Knoll Crest sweeps awards

Knoll Crest Farms, Red House, Va., swept the awards for Polled Hereford bulls at the recently completed Red House Bull Test, Red House, Va. The two high-indexing bulls and the top sire were all sons of EPH Vic Domino Jll, consigned by Knoll Crest.

KCF Victor J11 N4 ranked at the top of the 36 Polled Hereford bulls completing the 140-day feed test. He had an average daily gain (ADG) of 3.71 lb., yearling weight of 1,129 lb., and weight per day of age (WDA) of 2.97 lb. His performance was 21 percent above the average for the Polled Herefords on test. Second-place individual honors went to KCF Victor J11 N44, ranking 13 percent above average with an ADG of 3.75 lb., yearling weight of 1,013 lb., and WDA of 2.72.

Seven sons of EPH Vic Domino J11 took the honors as the highranking Polled Hereford sire group. They boasted an average ADG of 3.18 lb., average yearling weight of 1,007 lb., and average WDA of 2.70.

A bull's performance on feed test is an indication of his ability to sire growthy efficient calves for the feed lot. In recognition of these bulls' superior performance, the winners have been awarded plaques by the American Polled Hereford Association in Kansas City, Mo.

Appomattox Homemakers to meet

The Appomattox Home makers Club will meet at Liberty Baptist Church at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 18.

Members will be working on the quilt project. Bring a sandwich, drinks will be served.

All members are urged to make plans to attend.

Parents check shot records

"Parents should check immunization records of their preschoolers now to make sure their children are protected against dangerous communicable diseases when school starts in the fall," said Dr. Joanna H. Harris of the Appomattox Health Department.

Before a child enters school, he or she must have at least three doses of DPT vaccine (diphtheria, perttussis, tetanus), three or more doses of polio vaccine and one dose each of measles, rubella (German measles), and mumps vaccines.

Dr. Harris said that the State Department of Health and Appomattox Health Department recommend that immunizations begin at age two months for optimum protection. The following is recommended at the ages indicated: 2 months, DPT and polio; 4 months, DPT and polio; 6 months, DPT; 15 months, measles, rubella, mumps; 18 months, DPT and polio; 4 to 6 years (before school starts) DPT and polio. If immunizations are started after infancy, parents should check with their doctor or health department to determine the correct immunization schedule.

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Happiness is 4-H

The East Central District 4-H Contest was held this past Saturday at the Appomattox County High School. 32 4-H'ers participated in the program from Appomattox. Senior participants were: Terri Nash, Bernadine Garrett, Michael McCoy, David Hancock, Karen Stevens, Jennifer Inge, Mitzi Baldwin, Phillip Mobley, Rose Christian, Steve Cyrus, Blair Smith, Richard Conner, Kenneth McClenny, Ruby Smith, Robert Taylor, Jimmy Fillingame, Kathy Parsons, Marlene Watkins, Christine Biglow, Carolyn Morgan, Janet Baker, Glen McClenny, Dale Glover and Darrell Conner.

Intermediate participants from Appomattox included: Cheryl Woten, Marvin Hamlett, Karen Gilliam, Cheryl Simpson, Lisa Harrison, Martha Haley and JoAnna Layne.

Senior 4-H'ers winning trips to State 4-H Congress were: Donna Baldwin, Janet Baker, Steve Cyrus, Phillip Mobley, Jimmy Fillingame, Rose Christian, Kathy Parsons, Ruby Smith, Robert Taylor, Mike McCoy, David Hancock, Kenneth McClenny, Darrell Conner, Richard Conner, Glen McClenny, Dale Glover and Blair Smith.

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Lawson Ford will again sponsor the 4-H Dog Show. This annual 4-H event will be held Tuesday evening, June 1, at 6:30 p.m. on the Appomattox Middle School Football field. All 4-H'ers with dogs may enter this fun-filled event. Dogs are shown on leash in classes that include the six basic types of dogs, a showmanship class, grooming class and a costume class. There will also be some fun classes in the show. 4-H'ers will receive details about the 4-H Dog Show at their May meeting.

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Seven 4-H'ers participated in the District 4-H Forestry Program on May 1 at the West Central 4-H Center on Smith Mountain Lake. Appomattox team members included Rick Pack, Curtis Moore, Lisa Harrison, Cathy Johnson, Nancy Cole, Brent Harrison and Leigh Ann Taylor. In Forestry Judging the 4-H'ers were asked to identify trees, both from specimens and live trees; use a compass correctly and pace; determine board foot volume from a plot of trees and make management decesions on a tract of woodland. Both Appomattox teams were District winners in their division. Top individual scorers were Rick Pack, Cathy Johnson, Curtis Moore and Lisa Harrison.

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4-Camp applications are coming in each day. The last date to apply for camp is June 11. Please give the Extension Office a call if you have questions about 4-H Camp.

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Ford chosen to be head resident at ONU

Joseph M. Ford, Appomattox, will serve as head resident of a residence hall at Ohio Northern University for the 1982-83 academic year.

The head resident plays a variety of roles, including advisor, policy interpreter, disciplinarian, communicator and programmer; according to Howard Ward, director of residence life.

Mr. Ford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul F. Ford, Route 2, Box 149, is a second-year law student in the Pettit College of Law at Ohio Northern University.

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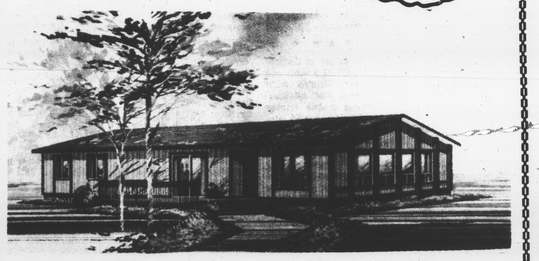

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